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SEN. BARRY M. GOLDWATER SAID THE KERR AMENDMENT WOULD HAVE
"STRENGTHENED THE SPINE OF LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES."

GOLDWATER SAID THE PEOPLE ARE "YEAR AHEAD" OF CONGRESS AND THE
ADMINISTRATION IN THEIR FEELING ABOUT CASTRO. "IF WE LEFT IT UP TO
THE AMERICAN PEOPLE TO VOTE THIS AFTERNOON, WE'D BE IN CUBA TONIGHT,"
GOLDWATER DECLARED.

SEN. KENNETH B. KEATING TOLD THE SENATE THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT
HAS A NOTE FROM THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT PROPOSING AN AGREEMENT
FOR AUTOMATIC RELEASE OF PLANES OR BOATS HIJACKED IN EITHER
COUNTRY IN FUTURE. HE REGISTERED HIS PROTEST AGAINST SUCH A STEP.

QUESTIONED BY GOLDWATER, SEN. MIKE MONDNEY, D-OKLA., AVIATION
SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, EXPLAINED THAT THE SENATE BILL APPLIES TO
FOREIGNERS AS WELL AS AMERICANS WHO MAY HIJACK PLANES.

HE SAID CONSIDERATION OF KERR'S RESOLUTION SHOULD BE COUPLED WITH
AN EFFORT TO CLARIFY THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE HIJACKERS OF AMERICAN
AIRCRAFT AND CASTRO'S DEFECTORS WHO MADE OFF FOR THE U.S. IN CUBAN
PLANES AND BOATS.

HE SAID THERE WAS A WIDESPREAD IMPRESSION IN LATIN AMERICA THAT
THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY HAD ENGINEERED THE DEFECTIONS. THIS
FEELING SHOULD NOT BE PERMITTED TO PERSIST LEST IT FURTHER DAMAGE OUR
PRESTIGE, MORSE SAID.

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